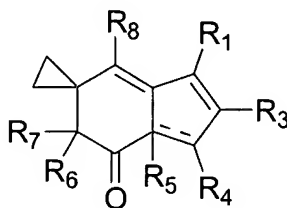


IN THE CLAIMS

please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



wherein

R₁ is (CH₂)_n-Y,

where n is 0 to 4;

X is O or S or N, and

Y is CHO, NH₂, COOH, -(C₂-C₄)alkenyl-CHO, -CH(O(C₁-C₄)alkyl)₂, cyclo(C₃-C₆)alkyl or 5-membered heteroaryl comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from N, S, or non-peroxide O, where the cycloalkyl or heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 1-2 (C₁-C₄)alkyl, CHO, OH or halo

R₃ is H or (C₁-C₄)alkyl;

R₄ is SCH₂CO₂(C₁-C₄)alkyl, or H;

R₅ is H, OH or absent;

R₆ is (C₁-C₄)alkyl;

R₇ is OH or;

R₆ and R₇ together are ethylenedioxy;

R₈ is (C₁-C₄)alkyl optionally comprising OH or halo;

~~the bond represented by — is present or absent~~

the bond represented by --- is present or absent; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 2-58 (Canceled).

59. (Currently Amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1, the bond represented by --- is present, and R₅ is absent .
60. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 59, wherein R₃ is CH₃, R₄ is H, R₆ is CH₃, R₇ is OH and R₈ is CH₃.
61. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 60 wherein n is 1.
62. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 61 wherein Y is CHO.
63. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 61 wherein Y is cyclohexyl.
64. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 60 wherein n is 2 and Y is CHO.
65. (Previously Presented) A compound of claim 60 wherein n is 2 and Y is cyclohexyl.